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or any other Person, buy or receive by way of Barter, Loan, or Ex-Session Laws change, any Tobacco whatsoever, under the Penalty of forfeiting thirty Shillings for every hundred Pounds of Tobacco so bought or received, and so proportionally for a less Quantity.

Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be con-Proviso strued to hinder any Inspector from receiving his own proper Debts or Rents in Tobacco, which shall be first viewed, examined, and stamped, according to the Directions of this Act.

And, for the further and better Direction of the Inspectors afore- Inspectors said in their Duty, Be it Enacted, That no Inspector shall take, not to accept of any accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any Gratuity, Fee, or Re-Fee, or ward, for any Thing by him to be done in Pursuance of this Act. Reward other than his Salary, and the other Payments and Allowances herein before mentioned and expressed. And if any Inspector shall take, accept, or receive any such Gratuity. Fee, or Reward, every such Inspector, being thereof convicted, shall forfeit and pay fifty Penalty Pounds Current Money; to be recovered with Costs, by any Person or Persons who shall inform, or sue for the same, by Action of Debt, Bill. Plaint, or Information, in any Court of Record within this Province: And moreover shall be disabled from holding the Place or Office of an Inspector, or any other Office, during the Continuance of this Act. And if any Person or Persons shall offer any No Person Bribe, Reward, or Gratuity, to any Inspector, for any Thing by him to offer any Bribe or to be done in Pursuance of this Act, other than the Fees and Allow-Reward ances herein before mentioned and appointed; every Person so offending, and being thereof convicted, shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of ten Pounds Current Money, to be re- Penalty covered, in any Court of Record within this Province; to the Uses in this Act hereafter mentioned.

And be it further Enacted, That when any Person shall be inti- Disputes tled to receive a Hogshead of Tobacco, by Virtue of any Inspectors Concerning the Quality Notes or Receipts, the Inspectors shall be obliged to open the Hogs- of Tobacco head, and shew such Tobacco to the Person demanding the same, if demanded required, whether such Tobacco be Crop or Transfer: And if such tors to be Person shall refuse to accept of the Tobacco offered or tendered in decided by Payment, as bad, unsound, and unmerchantable; such Person so Justices refusing, and not accepting thereof, shall make immediate Application to any three Justices, near, or nearest to the Warehouse at which the Tobacco so refused shall be offered or tendered in Payment, who are no ways related to the Parties, nor concerned in Interest; and the said Justices shall take an Oath before some Justice of the said County (which Oath such Justice is hereby impowered and required to administer), carefully to view and examine the said Tobacco, and to the best of their Skill and Judgment, not to pass any Tobacco that is not sound, well-conditioned, merchantable, and clear of Trash, according to the Directions of this Act; and that they will therein do their Duty, according to their Judgment and